

ONWARD!

VICTORY AT ALL POINTS.

SECRETARY STANTON'S DESPATCHES

Interesting Telegram from Gen. Grant,
Dated 6:30 P. M., Thursday.

"The Enemy are Obstinate and
Seem to Have Found
the Last Ditch."

Brilliant Conduct of Han-
cock's Corps.

LACONIC DESPATCH FROM HANCOCK.

"I Have Finished Up Johnson and am
Now Going Into Early."

Splendid Exploit of Barlow's
Division.

They Surround, Surprise and Capture
Rebels in Their Intrenchments.

IMPORTANT FROM SIGEL'S CORPS.

The Railroad Between Charlottes-
ville and Lynchburg and Gordons-
ville and Keswick Destroyed.

ALL BUT ONE RAILROAD CUT.

THE DANVILLE ROAD TO GO NEXT.

The Desperate Battle
on Thursday.

OVER FORTY CANNON CAPTURED

Thousands of Prisoners Taken
on That Day.

The Retreat of Lee's
Army.

OUR FORCES IN CLOSE PURSUIT

Our Wounded in Excellent
Condition.

The Union Army in Fine Spirits and
Confident of Success.

THE OFFICIAL DESPATCHES.

Secretary Stanton to Major General Dix.

Washington, May 13—3:30 A. M.

Major General Dix—

Official despatches are just received by this Department, dated yesterday at eight o'clock A. M., at the battle field, near Spottsylvania Court House. They state that during the night General Hancock marched from his previous position on our right and occupied the ground between Generals Wright and Burnside. At daylight he attacked with his accustomed impetuosity, forcing the first and then the second line of the enemy's works, capturing the works of Edward Johnson's division and part of Early's, together with Major General Johnson, General Stuart, and from thirty to forty cannons.

The number of prisoners is not given, but it is to be counted by thousands.

General Burnside, on the extreme left, opened at the same time with General Hancock, and advanced with comparatively little opposition. His right has formed a junction with General Hancock, and his left is now so closely engaged.

General Wright's troops attacked at a quarter past seven o'clock, and are now at work.

General Warren is demonstrating to hold the enemy in front of his line. The rebel works at that point are exceedingly strong.

A despatch has been received from General Butler, dated "In the field, near Chester Station, Va., May 13, 3:30 P. M."

It states that he is now pressing the enemy near Fort Darling, and has before him all the troops from North Carolina and South Carolina that have got up.

Beauregard's courier was captured this morning, going to General Hooker, in command of Drury's Division. He had a despatch stating that Beauregard would join them as soon as the troops came up.

General Gilmore holds the intrenchments, while Gen-

eral Smith demonstrates upon Drury and the enemy's lines.

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We have had no telegraphic communication with General Sherman since Wednesday.

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Secretary Stanton's Second Despatch.

Washington, May 13—2:30 P. M.

To Major General John A. Dix—

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Secretary Stanton's Third Despatch.

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Major General Dix—

The following despatch from Mr. Dana has just reached this department.

EDWIN M. STANTON,

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SPOTTSVILIA COURT HOUSE, Va.,

May 13—6 A. M.

Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War—

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The whole force will soon be in motion; but the heavy rains of the last thirty-six hours render the roads very difficult for wagons and artillery.

The proportion of severely wounded is greater than on either of the previous days' fighting. This was owing to the great use made of artillery.

Secretary Stanton's Fourth Despatch.

CONDITION OF OUR WOUNDED—REINFORCEMENTS GOING FORWARD.

WASHINGTON, May 13—6:55 P. M.

Major General Dix, New York—

The Acting Surgeon General reports that of five hundred patients from the recent battle field admitted into the Harwood Hospital, not one will require any surgical operation, and that, in his opinion, he thinks of the whole number of wounded will be fit for service in thirty days.

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General Ingalls to Senator Nesmith.

Washington, May 13, 1864.

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It brings positive information from the front as late as noon yesterday.

General Ingalls says:—

SPOTTSVILIA COURT HOUSE, May 12—12 M.

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Hancock went in at daylight. He has taken over four thousand prisoners and twenty-five guns, and is still fighting.

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Major General E. Johnson is a prisoner. He commanded the "Stonewall division" in Kewell's corps, composed mainly of Virginia troops.

No doubt of his capture exists, for he is sitting on a log before me at the present moment, in conversation with some of our generals.

The attack was commenced this morning at daylight by Hancock, who moved forward his whole line, and is now driving the enemy.

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